

California Department of Water Resources



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**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES SPONSORS LAKE COUNTY  
RURAL WATER EVENTS**

SACRAMENTO---From Tuesday, August 6, through Saturday, August 10, 2002, the Department of Water Resources will sponsor an exhibit at several Lake County locations to answer common questions about privately owned residential water supply wells. Exhibit times and locations are listed below. Information will be available on: fundamentals of groundwater, water well design and construction, selecting a well drilling contractor, maintaining your well, and water quality testing.

Northern California experienced below average rainfall in 2001 and 2002. Past dry periods have shown that homeowners with private wells and small water systems are affected the earliest and to the greatest extent by dry conditions. Many Lake County residents rely on groundwater extracted from fractured rock sources, sources that can be unreliable during prolonged dry conditions. It is important that residents relying on private wells be aware of actions they should take to maintain their wells and to be prepared if dry conditions continue.

County residents not served from private wells rely on supplies provided by small public water systems. Because of their size, these systems face a unique set of challenges in delivering reliable supplies of safe drinking water to their customers. DWR is holding a workshop on small water system reliability on Wednesday August 7, 2002, for operators of Lake County's small systems. The workshop, to begin at 1 pm in the County Board of Supervisor's chambers at 255 N. Forbes Street in Lakeport, will cover emergency and drought preparedness planning, local groundwater supplies, and technical and financial assistance available to small systems.

Water well exhibit locations

**Tuesday and Wednesday August 6th & 7th:** Lobby, Lake County Board of Supervisors chambers, 255 N. Forbes Street, Lakeport, 9 am to 5 pm.

**Thursday August 8th:** Lower Lake Historical Schoolhouse Museum, 16435 Morgan Valley Road, Lower Lake, 11 am to 4 pm.

**Friday August 9<sup>th</sup>:** Lower Lake Historical Schoolhouse Museum, 16435 Morgan Valley Road, Lower Lake, 11 am to 4 pm.

**Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup>:** Blackberry Festival, Anderson Marsh Historic State Park, Lower Lake, 9 am to 4 pm.

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